



REISSUE



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Reissue Application of

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Reissue of Patent No. 6,098,724

Granted: August 8, 2000

"SOIL SAMPLE PROCURING TOOL
AND ASSOCIATED METHOD OF
TESTING THE SOIL SAMPLE"

BOX REISSUE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

REISSUE APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is the application for reissue of U.S. Patent No. 6,098,724, issued on August 8, 2000, to Michael J. Ricker, and titled SOIL SAMPLE PROCURING TOOL AND ASSOCIATED METHOD OF TESTING THE SOIL SAMPLE.

1. **Specification, Claim(s) and Drawing(s)**

- (a) ☒ 6 pages of specification, including claims
☒ 1 page of abstract

NOTE This must include the entire specification and claims of the patent, with the matter to be omitted by reissue enclosed in square brackets; and any additions made by the reissue must be underlined, so that the old and new specifications and claims may be readily compared. Claims should not be renumbered and the numbering of claims added by reissue should follow the number of the highest numbered patent claim.

- (b) ☒ 2 sheets of drawings
- ☒ No changes in the drawings upon which the original patent was issued are to be made. Therefore, in accordance with 37 CFR 1.174, please find attached, in the size required for original drawings:
- ☒ a copy of the printed drawing of the patent

2. **Declaration and Power of Attorney**

- ☒ by inventor together with Consent of Assignee

3. **Preliminary Amendment**

- ☐ attached
- ☒ Not Applicable

4. **Offer to Surrender the Original Patent in Accordance with 37 CFR 1.178**

- ☒ attached

5. **Title**

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.171 this application for reissue is accompanied by

- ☐ a certified copy of an abstract of title
- ☒ an order for an abstract of title
Fee of \$25.00 (37 CFR 1.19 (b) (4))

6. **Information Disclosure Statement**

- ☐ attached
- ☒ Not Applicable

7. **Priority - 35 U.S.C. 119**

- ☐ Priority of application Serial No. 08/980,904 filed on December 1, 1997 in the United States is claimed under 35 U.S.C. 119.
- ☐ The certified copy has been filed in prior application serial no. _____ / _____ filed on _____.
- ☒ Not Applicable

8. **Fee Calculation (37 CFR 1.16(h), (I) and (j))**

The filing fee has been calculated as shown below.

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TOTAL CLAIMS	6 - 20	= 0	X \$18.00	= \$0.00
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	3 - 3	= 0	X \$84.00	= \$0.00
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- ## 10. Method Of Payment of Fees

11. Authorization To Charge Additional Fees

Respectfully submitted,

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REQUEST FOR ABSTRACT OF TITLE

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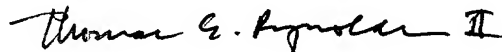
Sir:

Please prepare a certified Abstract of Title in respect of the above identified original patent for placing in the official file of the Reissue Application which is filed herewith.

Title in the name of U.S. Oil Company, Inc. was recorded on December 1, 1997, Reel 8877, Frames 0206.

For the fee required by 37 CFR 1.19(b)(5), please find enclosed a check in the amount of \$25. Charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Account No. 13-3080. A duplicate of this request is attached.

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CONSENT OF ASSIGNEE

CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 CFR 3.73(b)

Applicant: Michael J. Ricker

Application No.: 08/980,904 Filed: December 1, 1997

Entitled: SOIL SAMPLE PROCURING TOOL AND ASSOCIATED METHOD OF TESING
THE SOIL

U.S. Oil Company, a Wisconsin Corporation

(Name of Assignee)

(Type of Assignee, e.g., corporation, partnership, university, government agency, etc.)

certifies that it is the assignee of the entire right, title and interest in the patent application identified above by virtue of either:

- ☒ [X] An assignment from the inventor(s) of the patent application identified above. The assignment was recorded in the Patent and Trademark Office at Reel 8877, Frames 0206, or for which a copy thereof is attached.

U.S. Oil Company, assignee of U.S. Patent No. 6,098,724, consents to the filing of the present application for the reissue of U.S. Patent No. 6,098,724.

The undersigned has reviewed all the documents in the chain of title of the patent application identified above and, to the best of undersigned's knowledge and belief, title is in the assignee identified above.

Pursuant to 37 CFR §3.73(b) and MPEP §324, the undersigned hereby avers that the undersigned is empowered to sign this certificate on behalf of the assignee.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true, and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further, that these statements are made with the knowledge that willful false statements, and the like so made, are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001, Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

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